

Cruisin' Through Construction



Interstate 215 Widening Project, San Bernardino

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Caltrans' Phase 2 is Well Underway!

Caltrans continues to work on I-215 from Orange Show Road to Rialto Avenue. Asphalt work, brush clearing and grading is a visible change to the area. In addition, Caltrans is paving city streets in preparation for detour routes.

The northbound Mill Street on-ramp will close in the month of April for a duration of six to eight months for reconstruction. Advance warning signs will be posted in the area and motorists can use Second Street or Inland Center Drive as alternate on-ramps. Some night-time travel delays can be expected as lanes are reduced leaving at least one lane in each direction available at all times. Know before you go. For your convenience, you may sign up for automatic e-mail notifications of lane or ramp closures.

Caltrans will be hosting a press conference/media tour on March 28, 2008 for public officials and the media, giving them an opportunity to see Caltrans work in progress.

Monthly meetings continue between Caltrans and the local merchants. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at a new location: Caltrans office at 655 West Second Street in San Bernardino.

For planned lane and ramp closures within Phase 2 please visit our Web site at www.caltrans8.info. Caltrans asks that motorists please be aware of the construction area and always make a point to SLOW FOR THE CONE!

Project Questions?

For questions or to request a presentation about the widening of Interstate 215, call the toll-free helpline, **1-877-215-NEWS**.



Crews Begin Construction on Second Half of New 5th Street Bridge

During the month of March, crews continued pile driving operations and began building the abutments for the second half of the 5th Street bridge.

In addition, bridge columns were erected on the inside of the freeway to add support for the new overpass.

Starting Wednesday, March 26, the northbound 4th Street on-ramp will be closed for nine months to make way for the temporary bridge structure over the northbound lanes. The southbound 4th Street on-ramp will remain open to drivers during construction.

In April, crews will be completing the bridge columns and pouring concrete over the newly built abutments. Falsework, or temporary bridge structure, will be placed across the freeway so crews can begin work on the south half of the bridge.

Street improvements at 5th, H, and J Streets will continue in April and the coming months, with freeway and street closures issued as necessary.



Crews continue pile driving operations through the month of March.

SANBAG Names New Director of Freeway Construction

SANBAG would like to welcome Garry Cohoe as its new director of freeway construction. In his new position, Cohoe is responsible for the delivery of various freeway and railroad grade separation projects funded with State and Federal resources, along with local sales tax "Measure I" revenue.

Cohoe offers long-standing ties in the engineering field, having been a Chino Hills City Engineer and Deputy District Director with the Inland Empire District 8 Caltrans office.

Mr. Cohoe's experience in transportation and the network of relationships he has developed through his years in this field will contribute to delivering the much-needed transportation improvements in San Bernardino County.



Garry Cohoe
SANBAG Director of
Freeway Construction



The I-215 widening project is a partnership among San Bernardino Associated Governments, the California Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the City of San Bernardino.

